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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge a ban on the forced molting of hens, a barbaric and cruel practice that is harmful to everyone concerned. It destroys the animals' immune systems and causes disease not only in them but also in humans who consume the products associated with the practice.

This custom has survived for as long as it has because the general public has been unaware. As awareness increases, however, we realize how grossly insufficient warning labels and refrigeration regulations are.

The FDA has the authority to ban the inhumane practice of forced molting, has been petitioned to do so, and I urge immediate action.

Yours truly,


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